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SUBJECT: INITIAL FOREIGN REACTION TO STATE OF UNION ADDRESS

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USSR: MOSCOW HAS THUS FAR PROVIDED MINIMAL COVERAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS LAST NIGHT. TASS FOCUSED MAINLY ON THOSE ASPECTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH THAT DEALT WITH US-SOVIET RELATIONS, INCLUDING HIS REMARKS ON SALT AND THE NEED TO NORMALIZE TRADE. TASS ALSO NOTED THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT CREDITING SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN REACHING A CEASE-FIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ON THE IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-US RELATIONS. BRIEF BOYE WAS TAKEN OF THE PRESIDENT'S JUSTIFICATION OF INCREASED US MILITARY EXPENDITURES OVER THE NEXT YEAR.

3 EASTERN EUROPE: INITIAL EAST EUROPEAN REACTION HAS BEEN
2 VERY BRIEF AND ESSENTIALLY REPORTORIAL. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
1 BELGRADE AND BUCHAREST, ALL EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS HAVE GIVEN

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SOME COVERAGE TO THE MESSAGE.

THE EAST EUROPEANS ARE PRESUMABLY STILL AWAITING CUES FROM MOSCOW. THEIR MEDIA HAVE, HOWEVER, MENTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S PREFERENCES TO DETENTE, NOTED HIS CALL FOR "A FURTHER INCREASE IN MILITARY EXPENDITURES," AND REPORTED HIS REMARKS ON THE ENERGY CRISIS. PANKOV AND BUDAPEST WERE THE ONLY EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO REFER TO WATERGATE, MAKING THE POINT THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT RESIGN.

MIDDLE EAST: INITIAL ISRAELI COMMENTARY ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS WAS FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A HINT OF DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT TREAT THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION MORE FULLY. AN ISRAELI RADIO COMMENTATOR POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT HE VIEWS PROGRESS TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF HIS ADMINISTRATION'S OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS. REFLECTING ISRAELI CONCERN THAT THE ENERGY CRISIS MIGHT AFFECT THE STRENGTH OF THE US COMMITMENT TO TEL AVIV, HE STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH THE SPEECH SHOWED A GREAT AWARENESS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS' DOMESTIC IMPLICATIONS, THE

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PRESIDENT NEVERTHELESS EMPHASIZED WASHINGTON'S DETERMINATION NOT TO YIELD TO PRESSURE BY ARAB OIL PRODUCERS.

CAIRO RADIO, IN A BROADCAST BEAMED TO THE ARAB WORLD EARLY ON JANUARY 31, BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S SPEECH. THE BROADCAST MADE NO EDITORIAL COMMENTS AND AVOIDED ALL MENTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO A MEETING SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS AN END TO THE OIL EMBARGO.

ACCORDING TO APP, KUWAIT'S FOREIGN MINISTER SABAH HAS REITERATED THAT THE EMBARGO WILL NOT BE LIFTED UNTIL ISRAEL COMMITS ITSELF TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY AND THE US GIVES APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH FROM THE SAUDIS, WHOSE VIEWS STRONGLY INFLUENCE KUWAIT'S OIL POLICY.

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4 JAPAN: JAPANESE TELEVISION ~~NEWS~~ GAVE SPOT COVERAGE TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IN THEIR THURSDAY NOON NEWS PROGRAMS, WITHOUT COMMENT. BRIEF VIDEOTAPES OF THE ADDRESS WERE SHOWN, IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED HIS DETERMINATION TO REMAIN IN

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OFFICE AND HIS VIEWS ON THE ENERGY CRISIS. CHIEF CABINET
 SECRETARY MIKADO, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, COMMENTED BRIEFLY,
 SINGLE OUT THE POSSIBLE LIFTING OF THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO AGAINST
 THE US AS A NEW DEVELOPMENT. E-2 IMPDET.H 25X1A

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